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SUBJECT: EIGHTH OCAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE: SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

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1. OCAM SEC GEN FALILOU KANE PRESENTED ANNUAL REPORT TO
SESSION COUNCIL MINISTERS AUGUST 6. CATALOGUING OCAM'S SUCCESSES
AND FAILURES, KANE CONCLUDED THAT DESPITE WITHDRAWAL SEVERAL
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MEMBERS IN PAST, AND REMAINING PROBLEMS OCAM CONTINUES PLAY VITAL

DEVELOPMENTAL ROLE.

2. SECGEN SAID OCAM QUOTE RENOUNCES HENCEFORTH UNQUOTE ANY ROLE AS POLITICAL MEDIATOR. OCAM WILL LEAVE THIS ACTIVITY UP TO ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND SIMULTANEOUSLY INTENSIFY OCAM/OAU COOPERATION.

3. KANE URGED COUNCIL MINISTERS DEFINE CLEARLY OCAM'S RELATIONSHIP TO ITS TEN SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING AIR AFRIQUE AND AFRO/MAURITIUS SUGAR ACCORD. KANE SAID CONFERENCE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO CHIEFS OF STATE, CONVENING AUGUST 10, EITHER TO GRANT THESE INSTITUTIONS FULL AUTONOMY OR TO RETAIN OCAM'S RIGHT TO OVERSEE THEM (DROIT DE REGARD).

4. HE SAID OCAM'S ECONOMIC INFLUENCE AND DEDICATION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDISPUTED, BUT GENERAL ORIENTATION LACKING.

5. REPORT RECOMMENDED INCREASED REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND CLOSER COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS IN YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. AFRICAN UNITY PERHAPS EASIEST ATTAINED IN CULTURAL DOMAIN, KANE STATED.

6. COMMENT: GENERAL IMPRESSION FROM REPORT AND OTHER CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS TO DATE IS THAT DELEGATES WICH AVOID POLITICAL ISSUES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ORDER CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC AND CULTURALE ROLE OF ORGANIZATION. DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION FOR EXAMPLE EXPECTED TO BE CONFINED TO CORRIDORS. ANY CONTROVERSY IS THEREFORE LIKELY REVOLVE AROUND INTENAL OCAM DIFFICULTIES. IN THIS REGARD CONTEST MAY BE SHAPING UP ON QUESTION OF NEW SITE FOR OCAM HEADQUARTERS. UNDERSTAND DAHOMEY FONMIN MINCHEL ALLADAYE HAS DENIED AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT REPORTED AFP AND ELSEWHERE THAT DAHOMEY QUOTE NOT AND NEVER HAS BEEN CANDIDATE FOR SEAT OF OCAM SECRETARIAT UNQUOTE. ALTHOUGH FORMER CONTENDER GABON REPORTEDLY LENDING SUPPORT TO CAR AS OCAM SEAT, SOME OTHER STATES OPPOSE BANGUI OSTENSIBLY ON GROUNDS OF DIFFICULT TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS. SOME OBSERVERS FEEL SELEVION OF LOME AS OCAM SITE WOULD BE POLITICALLY WISE MOVE IN REDUCING SOME OF TOGO DISCONTENT WITH OCAM ORGANIZATION.
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